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SCHOLARS WIN MERITS

By ANNE ABRAHAM

Two Midwood seniors, Richard Breslow and Margaret Rossoff, received National Merit Scholarship Awards this year.

Midwood High School had seven semi-finalist contenders: Stephen Goldberg, Frances Novak, Diane Siperstein, Elliot Schnapp, Richard Thorner, and the two winners.

Richard Breslow and Margaret Rossoff

To qualify as semi - finalists in the contest, the students had to score 148 on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. This test is divided into five parts: math usage, English usage, natural science reading, social studies reading, and word usage. Thirty six points is the maximum score for each category. Afterwards, each semi-finalist is required to take the College Board Examinations. He must also show many samples of his writing ability, such as an autobiography and a composition on his hopes for the future.

The National Merit Selection Committee weighs the scores on the qualifying tests, the school records, the extra-curricular activities, and the school recommendations in choosing the winners.

For the past nine years awards have been governed by a regional quota rather than individual performance. The contributing donors insist that no area monopolize the scholarships. The states receive awards in proportion to their number of graduating seniors. The awards are according to financial need. The stipends range from four hundred to six thousand dollars for four college years.

Both Margaret and Richard applied to three colleges. Richard will use his scholarship at either Columbia or Yale. Margaret has already been accepted at Radcliffe, and will use her Merit.

KIDS DISPLAY TALENTS

Midwood High School students staged a talent show in the auditorium April 22 and May 6. Mrs. Betty Sierles served as faculty advisor of the program. She chose the twenty-five participants after careful elimination of nearly one hundred students who auditioned.

Musically, the program spanned both the classical era and the rock and roll period. Folksingers Neil Rosenshein and Judy Elkin performed on the guitar, and Ken Kushel and David Ellis used the bazooka and guitar in their act. Gary Diamond and Peter Cummings, a singing duo, used the guitar to accompany their songs. Diane Mincieli and Midge Zimmerman entertained the audience with several "Beatle" favorites. Pat Graham, one of the few true sopranos, sang a song by Henry Purcell which drew the attention of the entire audience. A quartet composed of Richie Ross, John Campolongo, Pete Kessler and Danny Weiss sang two old favorites, "Salty Dog Blues" and "Stealing."

The Broadway shows "Oliver" and "Carousel" were represented by songs sung by Eileen Weinberg and Michele Morais. Esther Rosenfeld sang "I'm Gonna Live 'Till I Die." Midge Zimmerman served as accompanist for all. Dancers Elaine Liss, Rachel Lampert and Nina Roman added life to the program with exotic and expressive dances.

From the dramatics workshop, Michele Bergman performed a dramatic monologue, Maxine Nordell performed a scene from "Anne Frank", and Marilyn Steinberg did a comical monologue.

Impressionist Barry Resnick did a takeoff on a football coach and another on an advertiser trying to sell Abraham Lincoln to the public.

Josh Siegel and Jane Flegenheimer played an oboe duet, and Michael Elliot performed a piano solo.

Mrs. Sierles, assembly coordinator, said that she was gratified to find so many Midwood students who were able to play all varieties of music on various instruments such as the guitar, banjo, piano and harmonica. The students who were selected for this show represent only a small part of the talent in Midwood.

Arista, Archon Install Midkids

The new members of Arista and Archon were installed at a special assembly April 15 in the school auditorium. The school's orchestra and Mixed Chorus provided the entertainment. Dr. Bernstein congratulated the honored inductees, who were awarded pins and certificates. Highlighting the presentation was the candlelighting ceremony, which signified scholarship, service, and character.

The newly elected members of Arista are:

Lewis Barnett, Karen Bassuk, Nita Becker, Miriam Bender, Bradley Bernstein, Leslie Brickner, Virginia Brothers, Suzanne Brumer, Mark Chenven, Richard Coan, Rima Cohen, Debbie Edelstein, Doreen Feinstein, Arthur Gang, Toby Gershek, Mark Gillenson, Stuart Gold, Francine Gordon, Alan Hausman, Jane Hoffman.

Barbara Hook, Sandy Horowitz, Judith Kern, Martin Kramer, Myron Kramer, Ronnie Krasne, Arlene Korn, Gail Kostin, Steven Kussin, Joan Lampert, Carl Lazarus, Alan Levine, Paula Lippsett, Joan Mattingley, Matthew Mayer, Stephen Moresh, Louis Morris, Ben Orlove, Bernice Packman, Vivian Patraka.

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Those elected into Archon are:

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Spring Concert to be Held May 22-23; All Midwood Music Groups to Perform

The music department of Midwood High School will present its annual Spring Concert, Friday and Saturday evenings, May 22 and 23. The concert will be held in the school's auditorium.

The entire music department will participate in the program. This includes the orchestra, band, Mixed Chorus, and Boys' and Girls' Choruses. The orchestra is considering the performance of Beethoven's "Fifth Symphony, First Movement." At press time, their other selections were not available. The Mixed Chorus will present "The Heavens are Telling" with soloists, Mimi Lew, Edward Patterson and Henry Rosenblum. They will also perform "Hallelujah Chorus" and "Amen," from Handel's "Messiah," and three Renaissance songs. The Mixed Chorus may perform two new selections. One is by E. X. Harburg and Burton Lane, composers of "Finian's Rainbow," and is entitled "Freedom is the Word." The other is a spiritual. Accompanying the Mixed Chorus will be Michael Elliot on the piano and guest organist Stephen Borsuk. Boys' Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Seiden, will perform "And the Glory of the Lord," from Handel's "Messiah," and Palestrina's "Adoramus Te." The conclusion of the first half of the program will be "The Coronation Scene" from "Boris Gostounov" by Moussorgsky. It is to be performed by Boys' accompanied by the orchestra performing Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" from the "Messiah."

The music department's faculty includes Mr. Chancy, Mr. Seiden, Mrs. Tillis, Mr. Rosenberg, and Mr. Gottlieb. Each member will conduct one phase of the concert. "This will be one of the outstanding Spring Concerts in the history of Midwood High School," predicted Mr. Chancy, chairman.

Tickets for the Spring Concert are now on sale. Seats are reserved for both performances. They may be purchased from either the City of Midwood, in B-71, or from the G. O. office in room 255. The price per ticket for G. O. members is either $1.00 or $1.25. The price for non-G. O. members is $1.25 or $1.50.

J.F.K. SELECTED FOR FDR AWARD

By RONNIE KRASNE

The F.D.R. Commission held a schoolwide election for the F.D.R. Award, April 17, in the cafeteria. The late President John F. Kennedy won the award by an overwhelming majority of votes.

Each year, since the death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, it has been a school tradition to present the F.D.R. Award to

The Late President Kennedy

a person who has furthered the cause of brotherhood. The F.D.R. Commission members go to each social studies class where the students nominate the person they feel most qualified to receive this award. The commission selects twelve people from the nominations, and then a convention is held, where four are finally chosen. The Commission then holds a schoolwide election where all Midwood students are welcome to vote. The award is presented to the winner at an assembly later in the term.

This year, the four people on the ballot were Pete Seeger, James Farmer, Sargent Shriver and the late John F. Kennedy. The F.D.R. Commission wrote to Jacqueline Kennedy to represent her late husband at the Midwood Assembly tentatively scheduled for May 13. Usually the award is presented to someone living; however, this year most of the students felt that Kennedy had surpassed anyone else in the fight for brotherhood.

ARISTA, ARCHON . . .

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thew Mayer, Barbara Miller, Harriet Molberger, Louis Morris, Frances Novack, Brian Nusbacher, Leila Nussbaum, Bernice Packman, Eddie Potter, Janet Prus.

Mark Raifman, David Rosen, Jacki Rothenberg, Marilyn Rothman, Merry Runsdorf, Melissa Sandberg, Elaine Schechter, Larry Scher, Elliot Schnapp, Anita Schulter, Sheila Schwartz, Stephen Senreich.

Paul Siegel, Diane Someth, Marcia Spindel, Andrea Statnikoff, Janie Stein, Judith Stein, Bruce Tenzer, Carole Terner, Daniel Weiss, Richard Wellikoff, Ruth Wornan, Ronald Yasbin, Ann Zinn, and Jan Zlotnik.

City Roundup . . .

Eighth and ninth year students, who will be entering Midwood High School in September, are invited to an Orientation Dance Friday evening, May 8. The tickets will sell for seventy five cents each. This price includes refreshments.

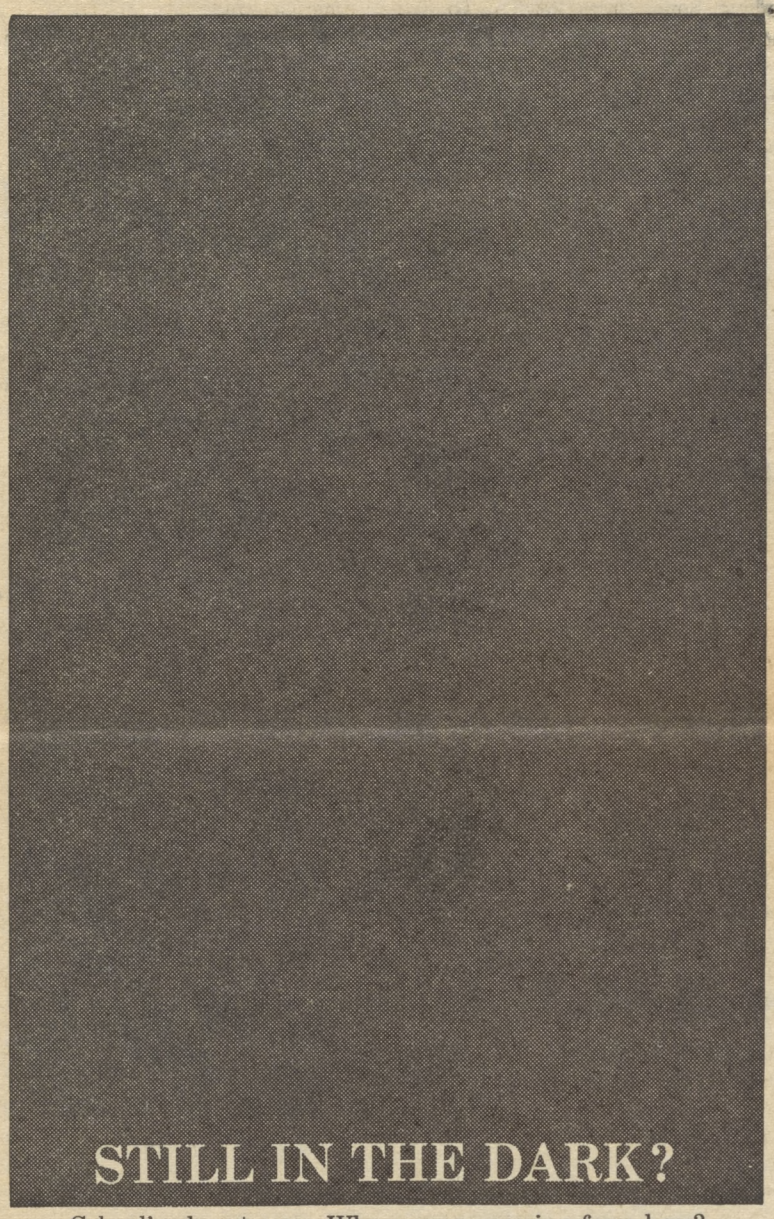
The dance, sponsored by the Orientation Commission, is aimed at acquainting new Midwoodites with the City of Midwood, its officers and commissions. The Orentation Commission, headed by Commissioners Natalie Posner and Joan Lampert, is interested in drafting new students for City of Midwood jobs. Bruce Davis, Mayor of Midwood, will be a speaker at the dance. Other office holders will also be present to answer questions.

Girls and boys must come dressed in suitable school attire. It is not necessary for girls to come with escorts, as this dance will offer an opportunity to meet new people.

The Around New York Commission is currently selling tickets for a matinee performance of "The Fall of the Roman Empire" to be viewed May 30 at the DeMille Theater.

Tickets are on sale at $1.10 each in B-71 periods 4 through 8 and M H. R. Ticket sales will cease May 15.

Midwood pupils Irving Prus, Mori Schwartzburg, Stephen Shalom, Jeffrey Vogel, and Matthew Zimet have won prizes in the team tournament of the Interscholastic Chess League, concluded April 11.



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Model UN Convenes; Mme. Nehru Speaks

The seventh annual East Coast Model United Nations Conference began Friday, April 16, at Mount Vernon High School, Mount Vernon, New York.

More than one hundred schools had students participating in the conference. Midwood, representing Mexico, sent ten delegates: Jane Dolkart, Harry Eisenberg, Anne Farber, Richard Liroff, Jane Pincus, Margaret Rossoff, Richard Spies, Ronald Sverdlove, Jimmy Wexler and Hinda Zweig.

The conference began Friday with committee sessions which lasted for most of the day. At the Plenary Session that evening, Madam Rajan Nehru addressed the assembly. She spoke of India and its problems in the world today. Provision for shelter, food, clothing and education for its many people of varied cultural and historical backgrounds was presented as India's basic problem. Saturday's program included committee and bloc meetings, a speech by a former United States ambassador, Walter C. Dowling, and a dance. A tour of the United Nations' Building on Sunday afternoon concluded this year's conference. Most of the housing was furnished by the parents of the Mount Vernon High School students, and food was provided by the high school.

Jimmy Wexler, chairman of the delegation, stated, "Being a part of this conference gives the student a better understanding of the UN's work." He added, "The students also get an opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with people from all over the eastern seaboard."

MIDWOODITES DEMONSTRATE CURRICULUM

The P.T.A. and the Orientation Commission of the City of Midwood conducted a discussion of extra-curricular activities at Midwood, the evening of April 14. Parents of Midwood and neighboring junior high school students attended.

Inclement weather, a stalled car in front of the parking lot, and the last minute filing of income tax returns limited the attendance, which caused last minute changes in the program. The theme was aimed at demonstrating the many and varied activities in which Midwood students may participate. The entire program was prepared and presented by Midwood students. Following introductory comments by Dr. Bernstein, Mr. Lewis, the P.T.A. president, and Mayor Bruce Davis, a group from Boys' Chorus under the direction of Mr. Seiden, sang a selection of songs. A performance by the Boosters followed.

Natalie Posner and Joan Lampert, orientation commissioners, continued the program by introducing the student leaders who had come to represent their respective activities. Opportunities for school service, operation of student government, commission membership, music opportunities, and organized sports at Midwood were among the main topics discussed. A question and answer period followed. The purpose of the program was achieved in demonstrating, as Mr. Grebanier stated, "Midwood is more than classrooms and assignments."

RECITAL CONCERTS A HIT

By LAURIE SALEN

The music department, under the direction of Mr. Benjamin Chancy, presented the first of a series of two concerts April 10. The theme was "Musical Favorites, Past and Present."

Concert Rehearsal

At the concert, the orchestra played "Dalton Set," a composition by Robert Starer, a member of the Brooklyn College faculty. Mr. Starer, who was present at the performance, said he composed it specifically for high school orchestras. The orchestra also performed the first movement of Handel's "Water Music Suite," and "Rondo Alla Turquey." Their conductor for these two pieces, Mr. Lutzman, is a student teacher at Midwood.

The Midwood Woodwind Quintet, composed of Jane Flegenheimer, Josh Siegel, Edwin Fierer, Kenneth Berger, and Geri Koch, performed Hayden's "Divertiments."

In a selection of operatic numbers, vocalists Judy Albert and Victor Tummino sang a portion of Mozart's "Don Giovanni." This was followed by "The Drinking Song" from Verdi's "La Traviata," which was sung by Janet Doyle, Edward Patterson, and a choral ensemble.

Mr. Seiden's Boys' Chorus sang two spirituals "Little Light," and "The Lord Thought He'd Make a Man." They also performed "The Hippopotamus Song," and "Brothers Sing On."

Perry Merrick, a member of the band, played "Tubby the Tuba," an amusing novelty; Mrs. Tillis was the narrator. The concert band, conducted by Mr. Rosenberg, played three Gershwin hits, which concluded the evening.

FACULTY OVERTHROWN; SENIORS TAKE CONTROL

Senior Day, an annual occurrence at Midwood High School, will take place this year on May 13. On this day, seniors will be shown the respect and admiration due them because of their superior age and grade.

Volunteers from the faculty will relinquish their posts for the day, and some noteworthy seniors will appear in their places. A senior show will also be presented. The senior class officials will substitute for the most important officials of the school. Penny Smith, senior class president, will take the place of Dr. Bernstein, principal of Midwood; Rubin Kaplan, senior class vice-president, will substitute for Mr. Dank, an administrative assistant; and Jacki Rothenberg, eighth term secretary, will be Miss Shore, also an administrative assistant.

Approximately sixty teachers have agreed to let students take their places on Senior Day. Those eighth termers interested in participating in Senior Day fill out mimeographed forms indicating their first, second and third choices of teachers. Afterwards, a master plan is sent to each participating teacher who, in turn, indicates his choice. This year the faculty advisor in charge of this phase of Senior Day is Mrs. G. Bernstein.

The senior show, long a Midwood tradition, is a satire on aspects of a student's life in Midwood High School. The show will be presented in the a.m. assembly period on Senior Day. Seniors will make up the entire audience. Miss Shapin, Mr. Seiden and Mrs. J. Kaufman are the faculty advisors. The chairman of the senior show committee is Amy Siegel. The script for the show was written by the members of the senior show committee. It must be approved by the administration and all teachers mentioned in the script. Work was begun on the senior show the night after Sing.

The three major events that will take place are: the senior show, the substitution of students as teachers, and the senior hat contest. These events are traditions at Midwood, and at many other schools throughout New York City. A senior picnic has also been proposed by class members for sometime before the end of the term.

Forum Probes Latin American Questions

By HARVEY ALPER

The Midwood High School Social Studies Forum discussed "Our Relations with Latin America" at its Friday, April 17 meeting.

Ronald Yasbin, forum leader, started the meeting with some introductory remarks and an invitation to all present to commence debate.

Richard Spies stated that the United States cannot be considered a true imperialist nation even though it may exert considerable influence in Latin America and throughout the world. Richard further stated, with the backing of Dennis Lynch, that the principal difference between the United States and a true imperialist nation is, "We have a conscience; they don't."

After Richard noted that the problem in Latin America is not one of exploitation, but rather a matter of capital, Ronald Kisch stated that there is discrimination in hiring at American plants in Latin America. He added that the people of South America never see our foreign aid money.

The Panama Canal subsequently came under discussion. Some students felt that it rightfully belongs to the Panamanians. Others stated that it is a misconception shared by most Panamanians that the U.S. is making "a mint" out of the Canal and depriving the Latins of funds which are rightfully theirs.

The discussion continued as Forum members noted that the landowners in Latin America oppose industrialization, because they fear the presence of a middle class. In addition, U.S. owned industry based in Latin America might easily take more money out of South America than it would bring into it.

EXPERTS DISCUSS NEW CAREERS

By STEVE KUSSIN

Miss Flora Shore, administrative assistant, and Mrs. Anne Grant, vocational guidance counselor, conducted a general career conference the evening of May 5. Midwood students and their parents attended the various conferences held at Midwood.

According to Miss Shore, the program was aimed at "presenting the world of work as it is today, to parents and pupils. It is important in our rapidly changing world for adults to prepare and guide their children's plans in accordance with the present times. For example, the accounting course taken thirty years ago in high school has been greatly modified as a result of new inventions and more efficient techniques."

Representatives from over fifty trades, occupations, and professions attended. Miss Shore explained that many more had offered to come, but the school was not able to accommodate all of them. Professional counselors recommended the selected speakers on the basis of their past experience in vocational guidance. Miss Shore also stated that in the selection of representatives, she had tried to cover occupations ranging from those that required a minimum of skill to others requiring college and technical education.

Miss Shore believes that the three most important factors in deciding upon a career should be "interest, aptitude, and society's needs." The latter point seems to be coming a more accepted approach. This is evidenced by the decrease in the number of engineers which has occurred in the past few years.

She stated further that employers look for "qualities of job competence, character, and most important of all, the ability to get along with others. Many well-qualified people are fired from their jobs, because they lack the ability to cooperate and work with others."

As the problem of automation increases in importance, competent people should look to see what opportunities are sometimes overlooked. The conference revealed that at present, the world of synthetic industries has been opening up, and capable workers should look into opportunities in this growing field.

Preparation for the conference was arranged in advance by Miss Shore and Mrs. Grant, who were assisted by the P. T. A., members of the faculty, and the art squad. The experts from the different fields were assigned to rooms throughout the school, in which interested parents could personally speak to them about career problems.

The evening proved to be a most successful one, and Miss Shore and Mrs. Grant have mentioned the possibility of making such conferences a permanent feature of the vocational guidance program at Midwood.

EDITORIAL .....

The Mayor of the City of Midwood issued a statement on April 16 in which he tried to clarify his position on certain issues which he felt the **Argus** had presented unfairly. This message points out some obvious misconceptions held by our mayor as well as by the rest of the student body concerning our high school newspaper. An explanation of the policy of the Midwood **Argus** is definitely needed at this time.

Mayor Davis accuses us of making "slanted claims" and printing "invalid interpretations and assumptions." However, his source for this accusation is a letter to the editor which appeared in the last issue of **Argus.** His statement might have been a valid one if it had pointed to inaccuracies in one of the news stories, since it is these stories that present unbiased fact. However, this particular letter appeared on the editorial page, the page on which opinions are expressed—those of the principal, mayor, editor and students. Each article on this page is followed by a name, and the name following each article is the individual who is responsible for its content.

The **Argus** is happy to print as many letters as limited space allows. However, every letter to the editor that is to be printed must bear the name and homeroom of the person who wrote it. There is a definite reason for this stipulation. Each letter that is printed presents the point of view of the student who signs it; not that of the **Argus.** We publish letters for the specific purpose of allowing students to voice their personal opinions. These letters express the feelings of individual students and should not be interpreted as the position taken by the newspaper.

The officers of the Senior Class are now in the process of making arrangements for the senior prom. Many measures have been taken this year to secure student support, and thus insure the success of this activity. It is only through your full cooperation and participation however, that a prom for the class of 1964 can actually take place.

Last year two attempts were made to have a prom—once in January and then again in June. Both failed. Seniors can prevent a failure again this year by signing prom pledges in their homerooms, and by lending full support to the eighth term officers in planning and executing a successful affair for this year's senior class.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor of the Midwood Argus:

I feel that school boycotts are necessary when such men as Mr. Donavan and Dr. Gross are hired to care for our city school system. They promised us a real timetable. What did we get? — Nothing. They promised us a school system on an integrated basis. What did we get? — Nothing. The present plan set up by Mr. Donavan and Dr. Gross and the rest of the Board of Education is quite inadequate. At the most it will only integrate thirty schools. Must we and our children get an education on a segregrated basis? I say no. Bussing school children to other district schools is not the only solution in this problem. I really think it's about time the Board of Education stepped up its processes toward the present day crisis. I also think that Mayor Davis should wake up and realize that the students who boycotted schools on February 3 and March 16 did so because they realized the importance of integrated schools.

Margaret Murray 333A

To the editor of the Midwood Argus:

The school newspaper was cut to six pages as of February 1964. This was necessary since union printers' prices are very high and our appropriations had been cut two hundred dollars.

Consequently it is not possible for Argus to report every activity nor to give complete coverage to even all the major happenings.

True, names make the news and Midwoodites love to see their names in print. This, however, is a luxury we shall have to dispense with as far as minor prize winners, honor society lists, and their like is concerned.

Perhaps this letter will clarify our new policy of curtailed coverage.

Marion Mulhern,
faculty advisor

MAYOR'S DESK

The time is quickly approaching when campaign streamers will enhance our cafeteria, and posters, which direct people how to vote, will be seen on the walls of every stairway. But with the coming of the semi-annual elections, I would like to interpose the basic fact that good sign painters do not necessarily make good mayors, or team captains good term presidents. This is not to say that they definitely would not be most qualified; however, there are far more important qualifications which are unfortunately overlooked or not considered important. When a candidate for any office gives a speech, listen carefully and note the most important parts—what he says and not just how he says it. A candidate with many valid ideas and a functional approach to the problems Midwood faces will, in the long run, carry on student government in a far better manner than an insincere halfhearted campaign or possibly even a very well-liked student.

Sincerity, devotion to the office, and meaningful plans, along with notable effort with respect to posters and streamers, constitute those basic qualities upon which each candidate must be judged if next term's student government is to be dynamic and beneficent to everyone.

Soon a special S.I.C. bulletin will be published which contains, in detail, the platforms of the four major city officers. Please read this carefully for it should be extremely valuable in helping you to decide which candidate will carry out your wishes. Quantity of ideas is secondary to quality, and a careful analysis of each platform will soon show the feasibility of the various proposals and their meaning in relation to the school and you.

The most important thing to realize is that even if you personally will not participate in student government next term, both its continuation and success is decided upon by each individual student.

BRUCE DAVIS

Principal's Message

Dear Boys and Girls:

I should like to remind you of one overriding goal of extracurricular activities.

Psychologically it is very necessary that every person receives some measure of respect or recognition for talent or ability, or simply for work well done. This respect or recognition is the key to self-respect, to a feeling of belonging and of being accepted. Without it, one becomes a kind of "outsider," and this may in turn, create a dislike for school which breeds failure, misconduct, and eventual "dropout."

Very few of us can shine in everything. And so, we provide opportunities in athletics, in music, in art, and in a host of other activities, for students to win this essential respect and recognition. This is the basic reason for our awards for exceptional accomplishment in any activity sponsored by the school. When viewed in this light, for example, our award of jackets to members of a championship football team takes on special significance and justification.

It is therefore our purpose to encourage participation in activities for the above reason among many others.

Sincerely yours,
J. L. Bernstein
Principal

We Regret...

The staff of the Midwood **Argus** regrets to note the following losses:

Abraham Spitzberg, father of Mr. Leonard Spitzberg of the social studies department, passed away recently.

Miss Schnell, a teacher in the girls' health education department, lost her father Mr. Albert Schnell in January.

Mr. Max Blatt, a social studies teacher, lost his mother last month.

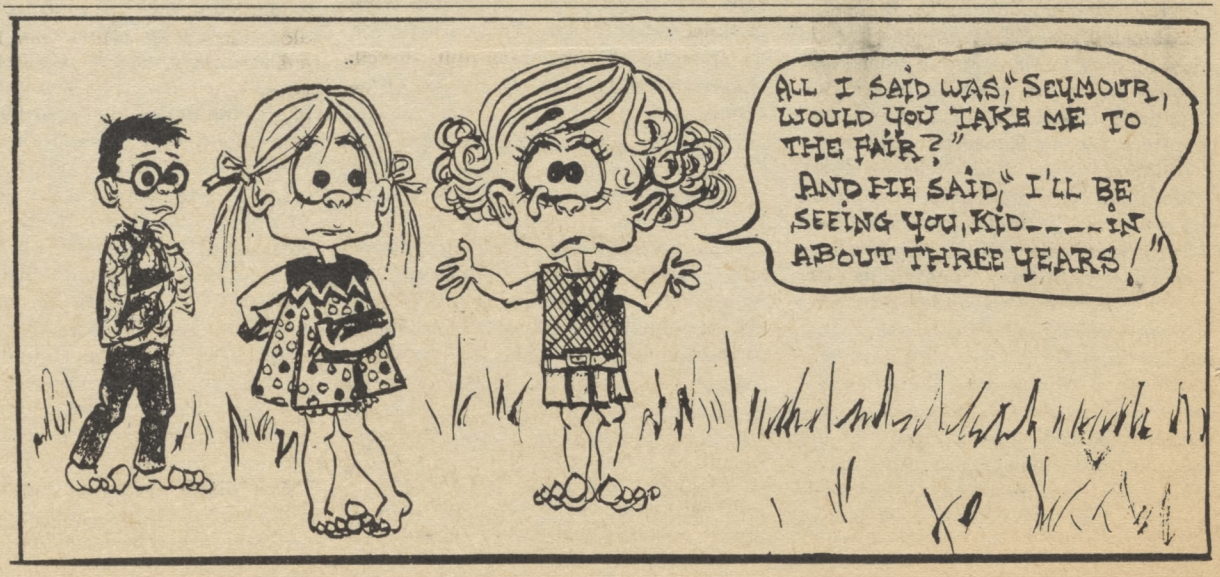
Saul Maslin, father of Phyllis Maslin, June '63, and a former news editor on Argus died in April.

Samuel Smith, grandfather of senior Harriet Molberger, former feature editor of Argus, passed away in April.

Sincerest sympathy is extended to the members of the bereaved families.

MID-HIGHS

Bonnie C. Gordon



Delegates Discuss Dating

Our rising generation is perplexed by the same school and social life problems in every country of the free world. This was the subject of a discussion at the Herald Tribune World Youth Forum on March 19.

The Forum was composed of thirty-seven delegates from various nations who spent three months as American high school students enjoying and evaluating their experiences.

In Midwood, some of us endure the agony of seven tedious hours of school. Others are more fortunate, and, as seniors, have the precious privilege of attending school for a mere four hours. It is, therefore, surprising to discover that in Lebanon, a student is in his "house of learning" from our "zero" period to the end of the tenth for six days per week. A Grecian senior studies thirteen majors and four minors.

In the eyes of the free world, we Americans lead comparatively unrestricted social lives. In Greece, the custom of dating was introduced with American foreign aid. As stated by Constantine Sarantis, a delegate from Greece, "Our parties are not as wild as yours." In France, girls do not date until the age of eighteen. "Fun in groups," as a girl from the United Kingdom said, seems to be preferred by most of the European adolescents. The Ethiopians do not believe in dating. They still practice the custom demonstrated in Pearl Buck's **The Good Earth:** the pre-arranged marriage of two who have never met. As stated Tersit Agonafer, a young Ethiopian, there is such great parental respect in her country, that young people marry to please their elders. Elopement is rare, but Tersit believes it to be "a good idea."

These free-world nations are being educated at a far more rapid rate than we are. As stated by the Grecian representative, "We don't have girls in our school, so we work."

SUSAN SCHWARTZ

STUDENTS INTERVIEW SHERMAN

"There is a basic right . . . to make fun of each other," says Allan Sherman, who knows first-hand the art of parody. "Fun" is the keynote of the chubby thirty-nine year old writer of "My Son, the Folksinger" fame. Fortunately he enjoys his work, since he claims that he went into show business, because there was "never anything else I could do."

As a student he worked in school shows and wrote a humor column. He has written comedy material and three books; he also created and produced "I've Got a Secret" and other shows and has written and sung several parody records. His life revolves about two things: his work, and his family, which includes his wife, two children and his beagle.

Mr. Sherman cites three requirements for success in the field of his livelihood: some talent, "the ability to withstand failure," and luck, such as being associated with a "bit," or gimmick that the public likes. The singer concedes that his albums were the "bits" that brought him fame. His first albums sold

Allan Sherman

one and a half million copies, which is more than any one Frank Sinatra made, "although secretly he's a better singer," Mr. Sherman says with a smile.

The comedian's main purpose is to express himself. Mr. Sherman's songs are "all related to my life one way or another." Those who are familiar with the song "Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah," might be interested to note that the comedian never went to camp, because he couldn't afford it. As a performer he feels, "Every time you face an audience it's a question of winning them over to your side."

Mr. Sherman frankly admits that he doesn't know whether or not his fame will last. No one can predict that, for in his own candid words, "It gets phonier as you get famouser."

ELAINE SCHECHTER

Kennedy's Grave-Site Stirs Argus Reporter at Arlington

On the grey Wednesday morning of April 1, this reporter made his pilgrimage from Washington, D. C. to the Arlington National Cemetery in nearby Virginia. Within those hallowed grounds many of our nation's great lie at rest: the unknown soldiers under perpetual guard, Medal of Honor winners, admirals, generals and our late President and Navy Lieutenant John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

Up on a rolling green hill, directly below the yellow and white Curtis-Lee Mansion, the Kennedy grave-site faces the Lincoln Memorial and overlooks all the splendor of Washington. It is a crown of thistles on sacred soil.

John F. Kennedy remains a living figure in our memories, and the constant rain didn't seem to thin the ranks of Americans paying him their respects. Nevertheless, admiration and not love reveals itself as the end result of his public image. As the "tourist" walks up the long, canvas covered, wooden walk leading to our late President's resting place, he hears more talk of the photographic challenge afforded by the grave than of Kennedy's life, works, and efforts. Tears are entirely absent and the ludicrous sight of flashbulbs popping is frequent. Daily, hundreds of people are making the trek to Kennedy's side, but it appears that they are doing this less out of respect than because this is the newest thing "to see."

John Kennedy rests, his two children along side him, within the bounds of a short white picket fence. His burial place, which may be seen nightly from the rear of the Lincoln Memorial, is covered with flowers and capped by an eternal light. Members of the U. S. military are stationed at the grave site and guard their dead Commander-in-chief. Fresh flowers cover the resting place and accentuate the love Americans feel for their fallen, and, much venerated leader. A visitor to the grave is, however, shocked because the tourists are too relaxed and their blinking camera shutters seem inappropriate. The site is barren; not of people, but of respect.

HARVEY ALPER

ALICE PLAYTEN: A NEW TALENT ON HER WAY UP

Six years ago, a young girl named Alice Playten made her stage debut with Eleanor Steber at the Metropolitan

Alice Playten (center) in "Hello Dolly"

Opera House in "Wozzeck." Now, at sixteen years of age she is well known on the Broadway stage and has recently appeared in her first motion picture.

As Baby Louise in "Gypsy," she played opposite Ethel Merman. She then went on to become Georgia Brown's protege in "Oliver." It was in this show that producer Frank Perry saw her great potential as an actress and gave her a leading role in his new film "Ladybug, Ladybug." She is currently appearing in "Hello Dolly" with Carol Channing.

Miss Playten runs a very tight schedule, attending classes every day and performances every night. She eventually hopes to continue her studies at one of the city schools, majoring in theatre and drama. "I would like to be known for doing something special for humanity, and I hope by bringing laughter and entertainment to people through the theatre, I shall succeed."

Alice was completely smitten with Albert Finney of "Tom Jones" when he came backstage one evening to congratulate her on her performance. "He's gorgeous, charming and altogether so elegant." She also idolizes Gower Champion, director-choreographer of "Hello Dolly." "What he has done to the music and staging will take you right out of your seats." Working with Carol Channing is also a great experience for the young performer. "Miss Channing so totally captivates her audience by emanating such warmth and personality that she undoubtedly has to do at least one encore."

Sewing and sports take up what spare time she has. She enjoys making novelties for herself and friends. Alice also manages to write to her fan club in California. Her favorite athletic teams are the New York Mets and the Midwood Football Team. Why? Her brother is an alumnus of Midwood High School and she would be attending classes here if her career had not intervened.

CATHY WOLFERT

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GOLFERS SWEEP OVER WINGATE

Wallmen Triumph as Davis and Amato Win

JIM NOVICK

Tuesday, April 28, marked the beginning of the Golf Team's new season. In a 5-0 shutout, our five clubmen smashed each one of their respective opponents. This match was the first to be played by the team at the new Marine Park Golf Course. Wingate High School, the opponent, offered very little resistance to the superior shots of the Middies. Position number one was played by Captain Don Ferrone, and position two by Lewis Pritzkur. Position three was stroked by Marty Winkleman, position four by Gary Povill and position five by Steve Minzer. Vic Grillo and Jerry Schnall backed the five starters.

According to Coach Frost this victory was only the first and there will be many more to come. The team's only concerns are the matches against Tech and Erasmus to be held at the Dyker Beach Golf Course. Since these matches will be played away from home the team will be at some disadvantage. But judging from the golfers present performance, every match will be a victory for Midwood and we will soon see our men as division champs.

Schedule for coming matches:

Date	Team	Place
May 5	Boys	Marine Park
May 12	B'klyn Tech	Dyker
May 14	Erasmus	Dyker
May 21	Madison	Marine Park

MARK LIEBERMAN

In its first meet of the season, the Midwood Handball Team ran over an inexperienced John Jay team, 4-1. Mayor Bruce Davis was awarded a 21-12 decision in the first singles match after being injured in the game. Frank Amato and Howie Tames also won their matches, by scores of 21-0 and 21-16 respectively. In the first doubles match, Alan Berger and Ken Seinfeld were defeated 21-17 but Ralph Florio and Frank Marzullo came back to win the second match 21-11.

One interesting feature of this year's Wallmen is their manager, Miss Natalie Posner. Natalie has taken over the reins this year and in doing so becomes the first girl to manage a varsity boy's squad. Her charges, the 1964 Handball team, include co-captains Bruce Davis and Frank Amato, Alan Berger, George Bobotas, Ralph Florio, Al Grieve, Alan Harris, Frank Marzullo, Paul Rosen, Bernie Schweitzer, Ken Seinfeld, and Howie Tames. If this year's squad wins the city championship, it may set a precedent for girl managers.

As defending division leaders, Coach Dave Fried feels that this year's squad can take the PSAL city championship away from Wingate. Midwood has had great success in handball under Mr. Fried. In the last 10 years, they have compiled a 71-13 record while pacing their division 3 times. This is due to Mr. Fried's system of developing sets of players. For example, two years ago the present all senior team was comprised of all sophomores. Last year as juniors, the wallmen had a record of 9 and 1 and are hoping to better that this year. The handball cycle will begin again next year when Mr. Fried will be grooming incoming sophomores for future city championships.

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MID-NINE OPEN WITH WIN; JOLT MADISON HIGH 5-1, DROP NEXT TO SHEEPSHEAD

HOWIE COHEN

New York City's third "major league" baseball team, the Blue Jays of Midwood High School, opened their regulation season on April 13. The Middies, unlike the Yankees or the Mets, started the season with a bang and a victory.

The 5-1 win came over a tough Madison team at Madison High School Athletic Field. The scoring began in the very first inning with the Middies scoring two runs; one of them as a result of finely executed squeeze play. The big hitters of the game for Midwood were Steve Koch, the catcher, who slugged two hits, and Vinnie Cestare, the third baseman, who drove in two runs. Pitcher Bob Turner, stopped a Madison scoring threat when he picked a runner off first base. Other Middies who played key parts in the victory were shortstop Joel Alonge (rated one of the best shortstops in the City by Coach Solomon), second baseman Barry Jacobs, first baseman Mike Ventura, centerfielder Sam Leder, rightfielder Jimmy Rocca, and leftfielder Alan Weiner.

In their next game, against Sheepshead Bay High School at Boys High, the Mid-nine did not fare quite as well, dropping their first game of the season 13-4. The score is actually deceiving because only two of Sheepshead's runs were earned. The Blue Jays committed nine errors, but Coach Solomon is writing this game off as "one of those bad days" and does not expect to encounter such a situation again.

Bob Turner started the game, but he was replaced by Gil Barkman. Gil, only a freshman, turned in a sparkling performance and Coach Solomon has very high hopes for this yougster. Mike Ventura and Vinnie Cestare turned in the best jobs of the game for Midwood with Ventura belting two doubles, driving in two runs, and Cestare putting on a fine fielding display.

In the upcoming games, the Mid-nine bench is expected to provide many victories. The strong back-up team is made up of outfielder Bob Wertz, pitcher-outfielder Bill Fazio, second baseman Ken Zerillo, pitcher Paul Savage, and catcher Sal Manganaro. Craig Spoonemoore, returning from a knee injury, is expected to bolster the Middie hitting.

Middie Pitchers tuning-up

Kickoff

JEFF SOFFER

The Midwood High School Baseball Team, after a grueling and disappointing 63 season, began the '64 schedule victoriously by defeating Madison High 5-1. Last year the Middies record was 1-8, but although the record doesn't seem too impressive, many of the games were very close until the last inning.

In the second game of this year's season, the Mid-nine clashed with Sheepshead Bay High School, a more experienced team, and were easily put down.

Even though the season is still young, the Blue Jays are off to an excellent start, having an even 1-1 slate. They have already surpassed last year's record, and with a maturer team, many more victories can be expected.

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The sports staff stated in the previous issue, that as the supply of funds become scarcer and scarcer, so with it the available space for printing sports, also decreases. In addition to the initial problem of limited room confronting us, we now find still another problem to cope with. This problem is the limited information given to the reporters by the coaches of some sports. Their refusal to yield a few particulars on the events to aid us in reporting the sports news is putting severe limitations on the accuracy of the stories.

A handful of reporters cannot be expected to be at every event; and for this reason we come to the coaches for needed information. We also consult the coach of the activity in addition to attending the game, in order to double check our information before sending it to press.

In the future, we hope the coaches will be a little more cooperative with the reporters to achieve the best results.

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Congratulations to Coach Barney Cohen for his excellent issue of **Scholastic Coach.** This publication is entitled "Training the Base Coaches," and really makes interesting reading.

Trackmen Triumph Win Eight Medals

BOB HIMMELSTEIN

The Midwood High School track team opened the season with a smashing success. In the annual Commerce Relays, held at Van Cortland Park Stadium Saturday, April 9, the cindermen took two relay events each comprising four men.

The first medal went to the distance medley. This quartet consisted of Bruce Levine in the quarter mile, Fred Spar running the half mile, Bob Petritch in the three quarter mile vent, and winding it up was Billy Goodheart in the mile. Four more members of the Midwood track team became medal winners. They achieved this honor by being victorious in the Novice Sprint Medley. This relay consisted of Steve Paige running the quarter mile, John Fargnoli and Dave Warren in the 2:20 and Ronny De La Rosa running a tremendous half mile, posting a time of 2:07.5 minutes. Though not medal winners this time, another sprint medley relay composed of veterans John Abrahams, Steve Rose, Bob Martin and Harvey Firestone narrowly missed taking their event.

On the following Thursday the cindermen took on the rugged trackmen from East New York High School at Midwood Field. Though coming out on the short of the score, the Blue Jay's ran hard and posted some execellent times. In the field events, Captain Phil Zeltner came in first in the high jump, leaping five feet four inches. Les Kozerowitz despite a leg injury, captured the shot-put event with a throw of 41 feet 7¾ inches. Bob Petritch ran a sensational half mile posting a time of 2:06.2 minutes. Harvey Firestone ran the mile event in 4 minutes and 58.5 seconds, which is his best time for the event.